

February 2024



Newsletter

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Letter from Superintendent Ryan Rieber

Past the Halfway Mark

Welcome to February! We are now past the halfway point of the 2023-24 school year and it is Black History Month. As we move into February and the second half of the school year, I would like to share a quote by Malcolm X fitting for this time of the year. “Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” Time goes by quickly, and we are committed to finishing the second half of this year strong, learning as we go, and committing to be better today than yesterday.

I want to thank Sergeant Nate Ganrude for his time as our School Resource Officer (SRO) and congratulate him on his promotion to Detective Sergeant. Sergeant Ganrude did a fantastic job as our SRO for the past four years. He built and established many positive relationships with our students and staff and was an integral part of assisting in the upgrade of our district safety manual and procedures. He will be missed in our school, but I know he will not be a stranger!

The promotion of Sergeant Ganrude gives us the opportunity to welcome Officer Riley Schmidt to our school district as our new SRO. Officer Schmidt joins us with four years of experience in law enforcement from Black River Falls with a deep commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community. As our SRO, Officer Schmidt will work collaboratively with school administrators, faculty, students, and our village police department to maintain a safe and secure learning environment for all. It has been wonderful seeing Officer Schmidt’s interactions with our students, most notably sitting with them and eating school lunch with them. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Officer Schmidt!

The Board of Education is actively exploring options for a long-range facility study to assess the current state of our school buildings and plan for future facility needs. This study will evaluate factors such as building conditions, capacity, technology infrastructure, and safety enhancements. Community input will be integral to this process, and we encourage all stakeholders to watch for and participate in upcoming discussions as we

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work together to ensure our facilities continue to support excellence in education.

The open enrollment period for the 2024-25 school year is about to begin. Families interested in enrolling their child in our district through open enrollment are encouraged to visit our website for more information and to access the online application portal. Open enrollment allows families to choose the educational environment that best meets their child's needs, and we welcome the opportunity to serve new students and families in our district and community.

As we enter the staffing and budgeting season for the 2024-25 school year, our district is committed to allocating resources in a manner that prioritizes student success, supports our dedicated staff, and promotes fiscal responsibility. We value transparency and collaboration through-

out this process and will keep stakeholders informed of important developments and decisions. Your input and feedback are invaluable as we work together to shape the future of our district.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community. Together, we will strive for excellence and provide the highest quality education for all students.

Enjoy this untimely spring weather, get out and get fresh air, and be well!

Ryan Rieber
Superintendent

Upcoming Events

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **West Salem High School** Library

Thursday, March 7, 2024
8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: pantherblood to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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4K Registration & Screening

Do you have a student that will be four years old by September 1, 2024? Please mark your calendars for our 4K Registration and Screening Night!

Date: Thursday, February 29, 2024

Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Location: West Salem Elementary School

More details and information will be sent out as we get closer to the date. To make sure you receive all communications, please contact the elementary school office at (608) 786-1662 or by emailing esoffice@wsalem.k12.wi.us



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Calendar of Events February

Athletic Events

Thursday, February 1, 2024

- 4:00pm Adapted Sports League: Floor Hockey vs. Logan @ Logan High School
- 5:45pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Black River Falls @ Black River Falls Fieldhouse
- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys Freshman Game vs. Holmen @ West Salem Middle School
- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Black River Falls @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Ice Hockey: Boys JV/Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ Tomah Ice Center

Friday, February 2, 2024

- 4:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
- 5:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Hayward Community Schools @ Hayward Sports Center
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
- 7:00pm Hockey: Girls JV Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Hayward Community Schools @ Hayward Sports Center
- 7:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School
- 7:45pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Westby Area High School @ Westby High School

Saturday, February 3, 2024

- 10:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, Black River Falls, G-E-T/Mel-Min, Viroqua & Westby @ West Salem High School
- 5:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Beloit Memorial @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
- 7:00pm Hockey: Girls JV Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Beloit Memorial @ West Salem Panther Den Arena

Monday, February 5, 2024

- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Darlington @ Prairie Du Chien High School

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Floor Hockey vs. Central @ West Salem Middle School
- 5:00pm Hockey: Girls JV Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Marshfield @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
- 5:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
- 6:30pm Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Meet vs. Arcadia, G-E-T/Mel-Min, & Westby/Viroqua @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School
- 7:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Marshfield @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
- 7:30pm Ice Hockey: Boys Varsity Game vs. La Crescent @ West Salem Panther Den Arena

Thursday, February 8, 2024

- 5:45pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Arcadia @ West Salem High School

Friday, February 9, 2024

- 5:00pm Hockey: Girls JV Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Brookfield Central @ West Salem Panther Den Arena
- 5:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Brookfield Central @ West Salem Panther Den Arena

Saturday, February 10, 2024

- 11:30am Hockey: Girls JV Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Arrowhead @ Mullett Ice Rink
- 1:00pm Hockey: Girls Varsity Game Ona/WS/Hol/Aq/Cen/Log/ vs. Arrowhead @ Mullett Ice Rink

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Monday, February 12, 2024

- 5:30pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Milwaukee Academy of Science @ West Salem Elementary School
- 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Milwaukee Academy of Science @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Milwaukee Academy of Science @ West Salem High School

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Floor Hockey vs. Onalaska @ Onalaska High School
- 5:00pm Wrestling: Varsity Sectional vs. TBD @ West Salem High School

Thursday, February 15, 2024

- 5:45pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School
- 5:45pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School Gym South
- 5:45pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School Gym North
- 7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Tomah @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys Freshman Game vs. G-E-T @ G-E-T High School Gym South
- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. G-E-T @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School Gym North

Friday, February 16, 2024

- 6:30pm Gymnastics: JV/Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Arcadia, G-E-T, & Westby/Viroqua @ Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School Gym North

Saturday, February 17, 2024

- 10:00am Wrestling: Varsity Sectional vs. Baraboo, DeForest, Holmen, Logan, Madison East, Madison West, Middleton, Reedsburg, Sauk Prairie, Sparta, Tomah, Waunakee & Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln @ West Salem High School
- 12:00pm Basketball: Boys C-Team Game vs. Lake Country Lutheran @ West Salem Elementary School

- 12:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Lake Country Lutheran @ West Salem High School
- 1:45pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Lake Country Lutheran @ West Salem High School

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- 4:15pm Adapted Sports League: Floor Hockey vs. Holmen @ Holmen High School

Thursday, February 22, 2024

- 5:45pm Basketball: Boys C-Team/JV Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School
- 7:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Luther @ West Salem High School

Band Events

Thursday, February 1, 2024

- 6:40pm Boys Basketball Game vs. Black River Falls
All Band Members

Monday, February 12, 2024

- 6:40pm Boys Basketball Game vs. Milwaukee Academy of Science
All Band Members

Thursday, February 15, 2024

- 6:40pm Girls Basketball Game vs. Tomah
All Band Members

Elementary School Events

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

- 12:20pm Early Release
Students dismissed at 12:20pm
Buses depart at 12:30pm

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

- 3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

Thursday, February 15, 2024

- 3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

Friday, February 16, 2024

- All Day No School

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

- 8:30am 4th Grade to the OEC
Miller, Steiner & Ihle

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Wednesday, February 21, 2024

8:30am 4th Grade to the OEC
Hoff, Wegner & Schwartz

Monday, February 26, 2024

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Wheeler & Grams

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Christianson & Passehl

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

8:30am Kindergarten to the OEC
Hickey & Wagner

Thursday, February 29, 2024

5:30pm 4K Registration and Screening @ ES
Assembly Room

Friday, February 23, 2024

All Day 3rd Quarter Mid-Term

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

All Day 3rd Quarter Mid-Term Grades
Submitted

Thursday, February 29, 2024

3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences

7:00pm

Middle School Events

Thursday, February 1, 2024

8:00am 5th Grade to the OEC
Ringlien & Kjos

Friday, February 2, 2024

8:00am 5th Grade to the OEC
Fink & Folkers

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

12:20pm Early Release
Students dismissed at 12:20pm
Buses depart at 12:30pm

Thursday, February 8, 2024

3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

Monday, February 12, 2024

3:30- Parent-Teacher Conferences
7:00pm

Friday, February 16, 2024

All Day No School

Friday, February 23, 2024

All Day Winter Wellness Field Trips

High School Events

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

12:20pm Early Release
Students dismissed at 12:20pm
Buses depart at 12:30pm

Friday, February 16, 2024

All Day No School

Exploring Chemical Reactions

Many people know what happens when you combine baking soda and vinegar, but do you know what compound is created after burning steel wool? Mrs. Jarosh's 6th grade science students know that it makes iron oxide! They have been using their scientific skills to determine how different chemical reactions take place between solids and liquids!



District Announcements



Winter in the North Woods

Just in time for the first snowstorm of the season, twelve of our 7th grade students, along with Mr. Baker and Mrs. Olson, spent four days in Eagle River, Wisconsin at their annual trip to Trees for Tomorrow! Trees for Tomorrow is an environmental education center that has been teaching students since 1944! While there, students learned about winter forest ecology, birds of prey, wolves, habitats, animal signs, and a whole host of other forest related topics in their outdoor classrooms! With less snow than usual, they did more hiking than snowshoeing, but still had a great time learning about nature in the north woods! After their trip, the students took their knowledge and put it to use by teaching their peers at the school forest at the end of the month. Although the snow didn't stick around for them, they still had a great time sharing their knowledge with their classmates and making the best of the warmer temperatures! Thank you to our staff for offering these awesome opportunities for our students!



School Board Members

- Catherine Griffin, President ~~~~~ 769-1714
- Tom Grosskopf, Vice President ~~~~~ 386-0168
- Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk ~~~~~ 792-4130
- Sean Gavaghan, Treasurer ~~~~~ 797-3585
- Erik Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 792-5370
- Chris Peterson, Director ~~~~~ 385-3103
- Bob Minard, Director ~~~~~ 786-9998

**Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday*

District Announcements

Heider Center



Four Guyz in Dinner Jackets
- Call Us Old Fashioned - The Supper Club Tour
Saturday, February 10th
7:30 p.m.

Join us for this Pre-Valentines special performance. The Heider Center will be selling an assortment of wine and gourmet chocolates before the show and during intermission as well. This is an event you don't want to miss.



Art Gallery
West Central Regional Youth Art Show
Runs January 18-February 17
Reception
Saturday, February 17th
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Box Office Hours
(608) 786-2550
Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

WSHS Senior Named 2024 Youth of the Year

WSHS senior Corbin Frydenlund kicked off the last semester of high school in an unforgettable way by being named the 2024 Youth of the Year for the Don & Cheryl Brenengen Boys & Girls Club in West Salem. As part of the recognition, Frydenlund will receive a full-ride scholarship to Viterbo University! Thank you for making a difference in our community, Corbin, and we can't wait to see what your future holds!



Transcript Information

Are you transferring to a different college or do you need a copy of your high school transcript?

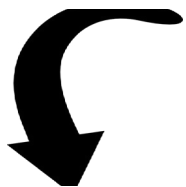
WSHS graduates that need a transcript can request one online, or print out an official transcript request form by going to the Student Services page on the district website at www.wsalem.k12.wi.us. Navigate by going to 'Schools' > 'High School' > 'Students' > 'Student Services' > 'Transcripts.'

If you have questions, please call the High School Student Services Office at (608) 786-1220.

Open Enrollment for 2024-2025

Open Enrollment into the School District of West Salem runs February 5-April 30, 2024. Open Enrollment is for any nonresident student that wishes to attend our schools. Students that are currently open enrolled do not need to reapply. All open enrollment information can be found by going to our website www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and clicking on "Enrollment" at the top of the page and then "Open Enrollment" on the right hand side. If you have questions, please call the District Office at (608)-786-0700.

Looking for Important Dates?



The district school year calendar, as well as individual building events and athletic events can all be found on our district website. Go to www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and navigate to the top right corner and click on the calendar icon. From here, you can view the school year calendar, Coulee Conference Athletic calendar, Mississippi Valley Athletic calendar, and individual building events.



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School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024

Marie Heider Meeting Room

7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on January 4, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Erik Peterson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Sam Stenberg recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Alex Hubing, Alyssa Harlan, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Payton Greer and Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: N/A.

Approval of Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, C. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Superintendent's Cabinet Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Business Operations Committee - T. Grosskopf reported on agenda items review of architect firms, and department 5-year plans.

CESA #4 Board of Control – C. Griffin reported on the Board of Control's agenda.

Connection with the Community

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. bDECA Districts: The DECA team competed at the district level this past week. Noah Stewart was West Salem's top finisher placing first in his event. DECA will travel to Lake Geneva at the end of February for the state competition.
2. Interact Club is having a winter clothing drive this week.
3. The semester is almost done but students will not have regular finals this year.
4. Boys' basketball hosted a holiday tournament over winter break. They will also play in the Midwest Classic at the La Crosse Center this weekend. They play against Fox Valley Lutheran.
5. Girls' basketball hosted a holiday tournament over the break where they beat Milwaukee Academy of Science in an exciting game with Megan Johnson hitting a buzzer-beater to win the game. They play at Viroqua tomorrow.
6. Wrestling, boys and girls, competed at the Bi-State Classic tournament over winter break.
7. Boys' swim upcoming competition is Saturday at Middleton against 14 other schools.

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Boys' hockey had a game Thursday. They play Wisconsin Rapids this week at home.
2. Gymnastics won their last meet against Caledonia.
3. Dance team has a competition this weekend in Kaukauna.

4. Ski and snowboard team practices started today.
5. Theater students are practicing for their upcoming play.
6. Show choir had a competition at Holmen on Saturday and placed 14th.
7. Band and choir alumni pep band will perform this Friday at the boys' basketball game.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Tricia Mulholland was read.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 11, 2023 and the Special Board Meeting of January 2, 2024;
 - b. invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept donations from CESA #4 for the High School Tech. Ed. Department, Stephen and Deborah Kraus for the Horace Moran Memorial Fund, from Joshua & Kathleen Stewart for the Middle School STEM Program, from Dinah James for the high school library, from Leo & Shirley Servais and Compeer Financial for the FFA Program, from Duane & Ana Schaper and Daniel Thelen Survivor's Trust for the Angela Labus Memorial Fund, from Bobbi & Jeff Sevier for the High School Art Department;
 - d. to accept the administration's co-curricular recommendation for 7th grade girls' basketball assistant coach-Tanner Davis and Anna McConkey;
 - e. to accept the administration's recommendation for WIAA co-op agreements for boys' hockey, girls' hockey, and gymnastics.
- Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Superintendent Rieber, Elementary Principal Alex Hubing and Director of Pupil Services Heidi Horton presented preliminary information on Open Enrollment limits for the 24-25 school year in regular education and special education. No action was taken.

Superintendent Rieber and High School Principal Mike Malott reviewed topics around policy 5451.01 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship. No action was taken.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed. No action was taken.

Live Streaming of the Board Meeting ended, as noted on the Public Meeting Notice.

Board Development

Superintendent Rieber and Director of Instruction Alyssa Harlan discussed topics around Policy 2240 Controversial Issues in the Classroom. No action was taken.

Closed Session

C. Griffin welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) regarding the mid-year evaluation of the superintendent; and regarding nonrenewal/renewal, nonextension/extension, and employment of administrators.

B. Minard moved, R. Fitzgerald seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:51 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: R. Fitzgerald, Aye; S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; C. Griffin, Aye; T. Grosskopf, Aye; and B. Minard, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

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School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024 continued... Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

C. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

School District of West Salem Special Board Meeting Minutes January 15, 2024 Marie Heider Meeting Room 3:30 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Vice President Tom Grosskopf. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on January 10, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Ryan Rieber led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Shawn Handland recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Chris Peterson, Tom Grosskopf, and Sean Gavaghan. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Alex Hubing, Scott Johnson, Ryan Olson, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Payton Greer and Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Catherine Griffin, Bob Minard, and Robin Fitzgerald.

Approval of Agenda

S. Gavaghan moved, E. Peterson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

T. Grosskopf welcomed the motion for closed session: Closed session, under exemption provided for in WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (To review proposals from architectural firms; interview such firms regarding terms, conditions and costs; discuss, consider, and take action, if appropriate, regarding the proposals for the District's building projects).

S. Gavaghan moved, C. Peterson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 3:33 p.m. A roll call vote was taken: S. Gavaghan, Aye; E. Peterson, Aye; C. Peterson, Aye; and T. Grosskopf, Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

S. Gavaghan moved, C. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Erik Peterson, Acting Clerk

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 22, 2024 Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Due to technical difficulties, Live Streaming was not available for this meeting.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Catherine Griffin. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district website, and district office on January 18, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag
Sam Stenberg led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Payton Greer recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Erik Peterson, Bob Minard, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, and Robin Fitzgerald. Also in attendance – Administration: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat, Heidi Horton, Mike Malott, Alex Hubing, and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Payton Greer and Sam Stenberg. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Sean Gavaghan, Chris Peterson and Alyssa Harlan.

Approval of Agenda

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Written and Oral Reports

District Strategic Initiative updates from the Directors' Team and the Superintendent were reviewed.

Human Resource updates: the resignation of Julie Schaub, and the hire of Mary Boggs and Sue Walters-School Nutrition.

Connection with the Community

Payton Greer, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Second semester starts tomorrow with students having new classes. Tomorrow is also a CCLR day, so students will go through four sessions where the goal is to make the students better prepared for life after high school.
2. The Prom Committee is meeting and planning prom.
3. The National Honors Society is putting on a winter walk through the school forest on January 26, 2024.
4. January student of the month: Carter Quackenbush, Elliott Sjoquist, Brisha Briseno, Gideon Wolbrink, Gavin Brothen, Madisen Skrede, Taylor Burch, Eve Froiseth, Derek Freit, Hailey Gerke, Samantha MacRogers, and Ray Gander.
5. Boys' basketball played GET on Tuesday and won, and Luther on Friday and won. They play three games this week Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sam Stenberg, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Girls' basketball played at Logan on Tuesday where Megan Johnson broke 1,000 in career points. They play three games this week.
2. Wrestling (boys' and girls') had a meet against Caledonia last Thursday. They have two meets this week and then travel to Lodi on Saturday.
3. Boys' hockey had a game Thursday at Aquinas, and had their senior night on Friday. They play at home this Tuesday against Viroqua and have an overnight trip this weekend.
4. Gymnastics had a meet on Friday at Westby and won.
5. Show Choir hosted their home competition this past weekend called Wonderstruck. It was a great success.
6. The dance team travels to DC Everest this weekend to compete in their regional competition. If they place in the top half they will advance to state.

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School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 22, 2024 continued... Marie Heider Meeting Room 7:00 p.m.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda

E. Peterson moved, B. Minard seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2024;
 - b. Invoices to be paid;
 - c. to accept donations from Team Bass of Onalaska for the Fishing Club, from Flambeau Diagnostics LLC for the 5019 Gearbox Heroes, from Coulee Health Chiropractic Clinic for the Nutrition Services Jane Doe Fund.
- Motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken on the Special Board Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2024.

Discussion/Action Items:

T. Grosskopf moved, B. Minard seconded to approve 72 regular education open enrollment seats and 8 seats in special education for the 2024-2025 school year based on the criteria outlined in the Board's Open Enrollment Policy #5113 Open Enrollment Program (Inter-District).

Students with Disabilities Spaces by Program

Early Childhood Education	1
Elementary Cross Categorical	4
Elementary Emotional Behavioral Disability	2
Elementary Intellectual Disabilities	0
Middle School Cross Categorical	0
Middle School Intellectual Disabilities	0
High School Cross Categorical	1
High School Intellectual Disabilities	0
Speech and Language (SL)	0

Regular Education Spaces by Grade Level

Pre-Kindergarten	No Cap
Kindergarten	No Cap
Grade 1	11
Grade 2	11
Grade 3	6
Grade 4	11
Grade 5	No Cap
Grade 6	16
Grade 7	13
Grade 8	4
Grades 9-12	No Cap

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Rieber shared information regarding the fall Traffic Study. No action was taken.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed. No action was taken.

Board Development

Superintendent Rieber reviewed the 2023 Community Survey comments with the Board. No action was taken.

Adjournment

B. Minard moved, E. Peterson seconded to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Fitzgerald, Clerk

Success at Districts

On January 6th, thirty-eight students from West Salem High School competed at the District One DECA Competition at the University of Wisconsin-Stout against 400 students from the Northwest area of the State. The chapter had four students claim test medals, 16 claim role play medals and 11 claim finalist medals in various areas including Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Personal Financial Literacy, Hospitality

Services, Business Finance and more! Congratulations to the following students on their success: Noah Stewart, Autumn Bohl, Lizzie Johnson Addie Burt, Alex Clements, Kate Fechner, Emily Fechner, Jana Forrestal, Elyse Bee, Evan Huth, and Ally Fortney. The Chapter will have twenty three students moving on to the State Conference in Lake Geneva at the end of February! Congratulations to all!



Did You Know?

In 1977, chili was proclaimed the official state food of Texas!



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